

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for facilitating retrieval of photographs, comprising:
first software code for creating a thumbnail representation from a digital
representation of a photograph;
second software code for associating retrieval information with said thumbnail
representation;
third software code for associating a label identifier with said photograph; and
fourth software code for generating and printing a label including a label identifier.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein a software interface enables a user to provide
the digital representation by scanning a photograph.
3. The system of claim 1 wherein a software interface enables a user to provide
the digital representation by downloading the digital representation from a digital camera.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the retrieval information includes meta-data.
5. The system of claim 4 wherein the meta-data includes global positioning
system (GPS) coordinates.
6. The system of claim 4 wherein the meta-data includes voice annotations.
7. The system of claim 1 further comprising:
a database for storing thumbnail representations, retrieval information, and label
identifiers, wherein each of said label identifiers uniquely identifies a storage structure that is
utilized to store a plurality of photographs.

8. A system for facilitating retrieval of photographs, comprising:
means for creating a thumbnail representation from a digital representation of a
photograph;
means for associating retrieval information with said thumbnail representation;
5 means for associating a label identifier with said photograph; and
means for generating and printing a label including a label identifier.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein a means for receiving enables a user to provide
the digital representation by scanning a photograph.

10. The system of claim 8 wherein a means for receiving enables a user to provide
the digital representation by downloading the digital representation from a digital camera.

11. The system of claim 8 wherein the retrieval information includes meta-data.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein the meta-data includes global positioning
system (GPS) coordinates.

13. The system of claim 11 wherein the meta-data includes voice annotations.

14. The system of claim 8 further comprising:
a database for storing thumbnail representations, retrieval information, and label
identifiers, wherein each of said label identifiers uniquely identifies a storage structure that is
utilized to store a plurality of photographs.

15. A method for facilitating retrieval of photographs, comprising:
receiving retrieval information associated with a plurality of photographs;
associating a storage structure identifier with said plurality of photographs, wherein
said storage structure identifier is utilized to identify a storage structure utilized to retain said
5 plurality of photographs;
storing said retrieval information and said storage structure identifier in a database;
and
printing a label wherein said label comprises said storage structure identifier.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising:
receiving a database query from a user to identify desired photographs;
matching said database query to said database to identify matching photographs; and
presenting storage structure identifiers associated with said matching photographs to
5 assist the user in locating said matching photographs.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein said retrieval information includes meta-data
received from a digital camera.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein said meta-data includes global positioning
system (GPS) coordinates.

19. The method of claim 15 further comprising:
receiving a digital representation of photographs;
generating thumbnail representations of said photographs; and
storing said thumbnail representations in said database.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein said step of printing includes printing a
thumbnail representation on said label.